

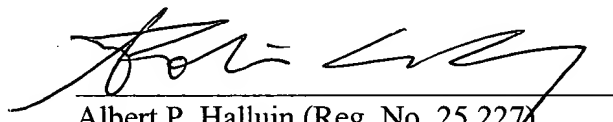
**REMARKS****The Amendments**

The amendment of the specification on page 1 is to claim priority to the recited U.S. and international patent applications.

No new matter is added in any of the above amendments and the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**In the Specification:**

The following new paragraph is inserted after line 10 of page 1:

## --CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/013,871, filed January 27, 1998, which is a continuation of International Application PCT/US96/13152, with an international filing date of August 16, 1996, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/578,953, filed December 27, 1995.--

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